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NATIONAL COASTAL PROTECTION PROJECT
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra has submitted a project proposal amounting to Rs. 194 crore under National Coastal Protection Project;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be approved and funds released for the purpose;

(c) whether the Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved some amount as technical assistance for preparing Coastal Protection and Management Project; and

(d) if so, the details thereof indicating the quatum and adequacy of these funds?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (d) Water being a State subject, works for anti-erosion measures are taken up by the respective state Governments from their own resources and according to their own priorities. However, realizing the severity of sea-erosion problems in certain critical reaches of the coast line and on the recommendation of National Coastal Advisory Committee, it was decided to obtain information from all maritime States for preparation of a proposal for National Coastal Protection Project (NCPP) and seek external funding. Based on information provided by States, an approach paper was prepared and sent to Planning Commission in July 2004 in this regard. This, inter-alia, included the proposal from Govt. of Maharashtra for Rs.193.80 Crores.

In March 2005, the Planning Commission forwarded the proposal to Department of Economic Affairs for posing it to an appropriate Agency for external funding. After due consideration, the Department of Economic Affairs forwarded the same to the Asian Development Bank (ADB).

ADB has approved Project Preparatory Technical Assistance (PPTA) in respect of works in the States of Goa, Karnataka and Maharashtra. An agreement has already been signed between ADB and the Department of Economic Affairs on 3rd March, 2008.